हिमाचल प्रदेश में किन-किन स्थानों पर नये डाकघर खोले जाने की सिफारिश की थी और उनका सांसद-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) संसद सदस्यों की सिफारिशों पर कहां-कहां डाकघर खोले गये हैं और संसद सदस्यों की सिफारिशों के बावजूद कहां-कहां डाकघर नहीं खोले जा सके हैं और इसके क्या कारण हैं?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम): (क) से (ग) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Clubbing of profit earning and loss making Circles for the Private Sector

2389. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the idea of clubbing the profit earning circles with loss making circles, to be handled by private telecom companies, for providing basic telecom services, was mooted at any stage;

(b) if so, why it has not got reflected in the tender stipulations of the DOT for the basic services;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the absence of such a clubbing would give rise to possibilities that all loss making circles will be left for being handled by DOT alone; and

(e) whether such a course will be discriminatory to the DOT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Various options were examined in this regard and it was found appropriate to invite bids separately for each Circle.

(d) and (e) According to Government's assessment at this time, such an eventuality is not likely to arise.

Complaints of Trans Yamuna Consumer Forum about dead Telephone

2390. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trans Yamuna Consumers Forum President, Delhi has written a letter on behalf of the Forum to the Minister stating details of telephone numbers lying dead for long times and for not providing current in the new telephone connections despite installation of instruments for a long time; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken on the complaints/matters stated in the said letter; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Waiting List for Telephone in Punjab

2391. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections at Amritsar, Patiala, Jalandhar and Ludhiana disricts of Punjab, upto October, 1994;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government for providing new telephone connections from each exchange; and

(c) by when the telephone connections are likely to be provided to all the enlisted persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) District-wise waiting list as on 31.10.94 is given below: